

Myanmar Earthquake Response

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KEY MESSAGES

It has been ten months since the devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar on March 28, 2025. Communities continue to grapple with persistent aftershocks and remain in a constant state of alert.

The earthquake compounds an already dire humanitarian situation, with an estimated **16 million people**—nearly one in three nationwide—expected to require humanitarian assistance in 2026 as conflict-driven displacement, natural disasters, and funding gaps continue to deepen vulnerabilities.

World Vision is providing life-saving relief assistance and recovery support to children and families affected by the earthquake: Through our humanitarian efforts, both immediate relief and long-term recovery, we aim to support 560,353 people, including 172,000 children. As of 22 January 2026, we have reached **512,945 people** affected by the earthquake, including **163,201 children** (87,871 girls and 75,330 boys).



Providing RO systems to schools for clean, safe drinking water



Ceramic filters helping families access clean drinking water

CONTEXT OVERVIEW

Strongest earthquake recorded since Türkiye and Syria in 2023

Nearly **3,800** dead, more than **5,100** injured (UNOCHA)

6.3 million people in need in the worst affected areas

Emergency shelter, cash assistance, safe and clean water, sanitation support, food and healthcare are immediate needs

For **early recovery** sustained support for livelihoods, education and essential infrastructure repair is vital

The **needs** of the affected people rapidly **exceeding** available resources

OUR REACH

512,945 people

reached, including **163,201** children, through our humanitarian efforts (as of 22 January)

238,188 people

including children, received essential food items such as rice, instant noodles & dry food

53,490 people

received Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA)

18,329 people

supported through Mental Health & Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services

16,856 people

including children reached through child protection and participation initiatives, which includes safeguarding awareness sessions

5,590 children

reached through learning facilities

124,827 people

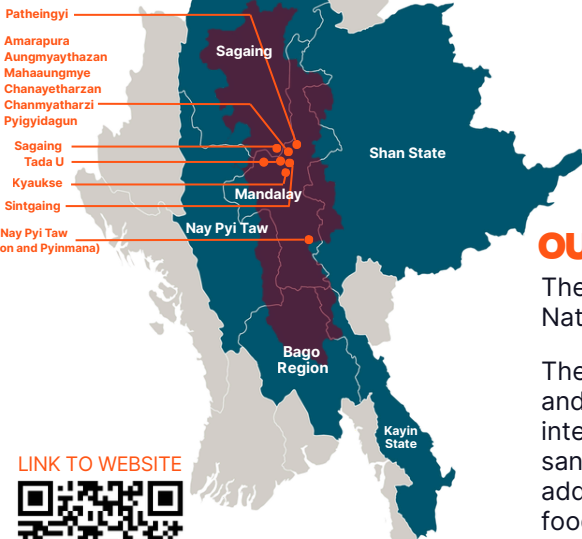
reached through Water, Sanitation and Hygiene assistance

11,875 people

benefited from recovery loans amounting to **1,687,493 USD** by VisionFund

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- States affected by the earthquake
- Hardest-hit townships
- World Vision's targeted areas



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"After the earthquake damaged our house, my family had to stay in the village camp for eight months. With the support we received, our home was repaired and we returned safely. The livelihood assistance helped me buy a thread-winding machine, and now I earn a more stable income to support my daughter and my family."

– Zin Mar, 30, a livelihood assistance recipient from Mandalay

TARGET FOCUS AREAS



OUR TARGET

* **560,353** people
including nearly * **172,000** children

* numbers are subject to change as the response plan evolves

OUR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY SUPPORT PLAN

The Myanmar Earthquake Response 2025, classified as a Category III National Response, has been extended into an **18-month recovery phase**.

The response plan includes several key components to meet urgent needs and support long-term recovery. **WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)** interventions focus on restoring access to clean water and improving sanitation to prevent disease outbreaks. **Food and cash assistance** address food insecurity and support families' immediate needs through food distributions and financial aid. **Protection efforts**—including gender-based violence prevention and awareness raising, the provision of shelter kits, and the establishment of child-friendly spaces—aim to safeguard women and children living in unsafe conditions while supporting their physical and emotional recovery. **Shelter assistance** provides safe, temporary housing for families who have been displaced, ensuring they have a secure place to stay as they rebuild their lives. Livelihood recovery, supported through VisionFund, helps families restore income-generating activities and reduce long-term reliance on humanitarian aid. **Community resilience** will be strengthened by enhancing program accountability to affected people and increasing the ownership of recovery efforts among communities and local organisations.

This plan is being implemented through strong collaboration with local civil society, community-based organisations (CBOs), faith-based groups, local NGOs and international partners. These partnerships are essential to ensure effective outreach, timely delivery of services and greater impact within affected communities.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

World Vision is committed to ensuring that affected families receive timely, transparent, and dignified support. We prioritise:

- Two-way communication with communities to understand their needs and concerns.
- Feedback and complaints mechanisms to ensure services are accountable.
- Clear information-sharing, so people know what support is available and how to access it.
- Protection of vulnerable groups, especially children, women and people with disabilities, throughout the response.

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